

TOWN OF WEBSTER

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Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – January 2, 2008 (Wednesday because of New Year's)

7:06 P.M. Roll Call – Selectmen present: George Hashem, David Klumb and Thomas Mullins.

Selectman Mullins made a motion to accept the December 17, 2007 minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Klumb and unanimously approved. Selectman Klumb made a motion to accept the December 31, 2007 minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Mullins and unanimously approved. The Board signed a Payroll Check Warrant from 12/17/07.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Purchase Order #42 in the amount of \$1,000 for tables for the Town Hall;
- Purchase Order #44 in the amount of \$504 for a Manikin for the Fire Department;
- Purchase Order #45 in the amount of \$543.89 for a projector for the Fire Department;
- An Intent to Cut for Map 3-29-1;
- Resigned a copy of the "Notice to the Public": re: Office Hours; and
- Approved an application for a Veteran's Exemption.

Fire Chief Adam Pouliot advised that the tanker truck is back after having the pump rebuilt. He also noted that the total calls for the past year were 154, down somewhat from 2006.

Landfill Committee Members Bob Drown and Linda Hook met with the Board to review some of the issues before the committee. The 1/3/08 meeting was cancelled; the hauling rates are scheduled to go from \$15 to \$20 per ton as of 1/08 with a proposed increase to \$30 per ton as of 7/08 and a proposed increase to \$40 per ton as of 1/09 (noting that Webster had no input in the decision for the proposed increases even though the proposed increases were signed by the entire Hopkinton Board of Selectmen); establishment of a chain of communication; the pay as you throw project; the fact that recyclables would be free of charge to dispose of by haulers but not from individuals; bond payments; daily operating costs; closure costs and the recycling funds. Selectman Mullins recommended that Webster should first get Hopkinton to work with the contract in place and then go forward from there. As Hopkinton has now appointed three committee members per the contract and Webster had already appointed three, this committee should now appoint a committee chairman from within the group.

Dave Marcello, developer of Blackberry Lane, inquired about when and if the Board would accept the road as a Town Road. He was advised that Town Counsel recommended waiting until more lots were built in the development for acceptance to be considered in the public interest. Mr. Marcello advised that it was creating hardship for sales without the Town's acceptance. An e-mail will be sent to Counsel regarding this question for a recommendation.

Chris Vary and Heidi Pelchat, representing the Sports Committee, met at the Board's request to discuss how the Board would like to fund the children's youth sports. Selectman Mullins explained that the Town will support all of the care of the fields, equipment, etc. to keep the sports active and put all monetary funds under the Parks & Recreation with all bills coming to the Town for payment. The Committee formerly known as the Webster Youth Sports Committee will be responsible for liability insurance, coaches, students, etc. with no involvement from the Town, thereby taking the Town out of any and all insurance and liability issues. Mrs. Pelchat inquired as to what they would call themselves, which is open to whatever they choose. She and Mr. Vary will work out a transfer of the existing bank accounts unrelated to the Town. Town Counsel will be contacted to inquire as to how to dissolve the Webster Youth Sports Committee.

Wayne St. Jacques requested permission to run some dojo classes in his home on Battle Street. Selectman Klumb made a motion to deny the request and refer Mr. St Jacques to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; seconded by Selectman Mullins and unanimously approved.

Chairman Hashem will write the Selectmen's Report for the Annual Report.

Eric Perry presented copies of a complaint letter regarding snow removal near his residence while he had his vehicle temporarily parked in the road. The Board thanked him for his concerns and will review all the traffic ordinances in place at this time.

The Board did an overall review of the Budget.

8:37 P.M. Selectman Klumb made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Selectman Mullins. Roll Call: Chairman Hashem – yes; Selectman Klumb – yes and Selectman Mullins – yes.

8:53 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed personnel issues and no decisions were made.

8:58.M. Selectman Klumb made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Mullins and approved. Selectman Klumb advised that he will not be at the January 28th meeting.

George K. Hashem
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David E. Klumb

Thomas S. Mullins